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Sri M. PALANIYANDI :—" அந்த கதர் சென்டர்களிலுள்ள ஊழியர்கள் பணம் கையாடி, அவர்களிடமிருந்து பணம் வாங்க முடியாத காரணத்திற்காக அவர்களை வேலையிலேயே வைத்துக்கொண்டு கையாடப் பட்ட பணத்தை மாதா மாதம் பிடித்துக்கொண்டு வருகிறார்கள். அந்த மாதிரி சில விஷயங்களை அரசாங்கத்திற்கு தெரிவித்தால் தக்க நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க சர்க்கார் முன்வருவார்களா ? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have not said that there has not been any misappropriation of funds in any of these Centres. If the hon. Member will bring to my notice any specific instances, I shall have them looked into."

Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Will the Government consider the sponsoring of legislation to pay in khadi one-tenth of the allowance drawn by M.L.As.? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not think that is a feasible proposition."

Poondi Reservoir.

* 727 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the amount of grant and loan so far made to the Corporation of Madras by the Government towards the construction of the Poondi Reservoir ;

(*b*) the share of the Corporation of Madras in meeting the expenses of the Reservoir;

(*c*) the interest charged by the Government towards the loan given to the Corporation of Madras ; and

(*d*) the maximum period allowed to local bodies for the repayment of such loans?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The total amount of grants sanctioned so far to the Corporation for the Poondi Reservoir is Rs. 25,90,206 and the total amount of loans is Rs. 39,70,900.

" (*b*) The Corporation's share of the expenditure is Rs. 39·42 lakhs.

" (*c*) The interest charged by Government towards the loans given to the Corporation of Madras has varied from $3\frac{1}{4}$ per cent to $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent, except in the case of one loan for Rs. 11,345 sanctioned in 1941 for which the rate charged was $4\frac{3}{4}$ per cent.

" (*d*) As far as Corporation is concerned the period mostly allowed for repayment of loans has been 25 years. In the case of other Municipalities, the period varies from 20 to 40 years."

Sri A. RATNAM :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister for Health the total estimated cost of the Poondi Reservoir, when the reservoir was constructed and the amount of aid received from the Central Government for its construction? "

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The revised estimate for this scheme in May 1944 was Rs. 65 lakhs. The actual total expenditure up to the end of March 1953 is Rs. 65,41,731. The final completion report is awaited by the Corporation."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASAMI :—" May I know whether any application for loan was made for the purchase of mechanical filters?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know whether the supply of water from this reservoir would be sufficient to meet the growing demands of the City of Madras and if not, whether the Government have any other alternative scheme?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Even this supply may run short in seasons of scarcity and drought. Government have had under consideration further measures to add to the quantity of water supplied in Madras City."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is it a fact that the cost of supervision of this reservoir by the P.W.D. is borne by this Government?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A separate question may be given notice of."

Construction of a dam at Padne in Kasargod taluk.

* 728 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP (on behalf of Sri M. Narayanan Nambiar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the proposal to construct a dam at Padne in Kasargod taluk, South Kanara district, to obstruct salt water has been abandoned; and

(*b*) if so, why?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) It is under examination.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Delay in the payment of travelling allowance to certain teachers in Malabar.

* 729 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that 6 teachers of Devisahayam Aided Elementary School, Koram Payyanur, North Malabar, have not yet been paid their subsistence allowances for attending four election classes in 1951 even though they presented their bills with the necessary certificates; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?